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SUBJ: MARRIAGES

RE: SEOUL 0861

1. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS 1801 COUPLES, MEMBERS REVEREND MOON SUN MYUNG'S UNIFICATION CHURCH, PARTICIPATED MASS WEDDING IN SEOUL FEBRUARY 8. ACCORDING OUR UNOFFICIAL INFORMATION GROUP INCLUDED 163 AMERICAN CITIZENS, 7 OF WHOM MARRIED KOREAN NATIONALS.

2. AS REPORTED REFTEL, NONE OF GROUP APPEARED AT EMBASSY FOR MARRIAGE PROCESSING. IN CIRCUMSTANCE, ALL MARRIAGES INVOLVING ONE OR MORE AMERICAN PARTNERS ARE INVALID UNDER KOREAN LAW. BRITISH EMBASSY REPORTS CASES INVOLVING 10 BRITISH SUBJECTS ALSO FAILED TO APPEAR AT THEIR OFFICE FOR MARRIAGE PROCESSING.

3. GROUP REPORTEDLY DEPARTED SEOUL VIA SCHEDULED AND CHARTER KOREAN AIRLINE FLIGHTS 10A.M. FEBRUARY 11.

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